

**W.L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.**1500 NORTH FOURTH STREET • P.O. BOX 2400 • FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA 86003 • PHONE 928/526-3030
FAX 928/522-4039**FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO:

ADDRESSEE: Examiner K Landrem, Group 3738
(703) 872-9302SENDER: Wayne HousePHONE NUMBER: 928 / 864-2574FAX NUMBER: 928 / 522-4039Number of Pages in Transmission (including this cover page): 3If you do not receive all of the pages or this copy is not legible,
please call 928/864-2550 as soon as possible.

Operator: Melanee Williams

Date: March 20, 2003

COMMENTS:

S.N. 10/054,772 Response to Office Action

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The information contained in this FAX message is subject to the attorney-client privilege and is confidential and is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this FAX communication in error, please immediately notify the sender by telephone. Thank you.
*******FAX RECEIVED**
MAR 20 2003
GROUP 3700

Attorney Docket No. MP/154A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Armstrong et al.
Appl. No. : 10/054,772
Filed : 1/22/02
Title : Deployment System For
Intraluminal Devices
Grp/Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : K. Landrem

*I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile
transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on March 20,
2003.*


Melanee Williams

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

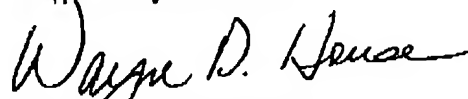
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in
connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 (1 page)

Respectfully submitted,


Wayne D. House 34,623
W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
551 Paper Mill Road
P.O. Box 9206
Newark, DE 19714-9206
(928) 864-2574

Date: 20 MARCH 2003

#5/86
3-27-03

Attorney Docket No. MP/154A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Armstrong et al.
Appl. No. : 10/054,772
Filed : 1/22/02
Title : Deployment System For
Intraluminal Devices
Grp/Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : K. Landrem

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile
transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on March 20,
2003.


Melanee Williams

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC 121

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Official Action of Jan. 28, 2003. Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month. Examiner is requested and authorized to charge the appropriate extension of time fee to Deposit Account 07-1729.

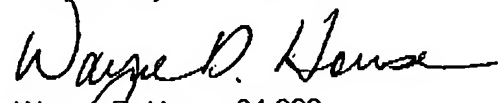
The Examiner has restricted the claims as originally filed to the following two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-42 drawn to an endoprosthesis assembly; and

Group II: Claims 43-48, drawn to an endoprosthesis assembly with balloon catheter.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I for prosecution at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wayne D. House 34,623
W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
551 Paper Mill Road
P.O. Box 9206
Newark, DE 19714-9206
(928) 864-2574

Date: 20 MARCH 2003

03/27/2003 STHOMAS 00000005 071729 10054772

01 FC:1251

110.00 CH